Introduction

I am glad that finally the articles from our event, namely the 1st International Symposium on Health Sciences (ISHS) were published. This event is held by the Faculty of Health Sciences Jenderal Soedirman University, Purwokerto Indonesia on 22-23 September 2020 in collaboration with Asian and Pacific Alliances for nursing education, Taiwan Association of nursing education, and National Cheng Khung University Taiwan. ISHS is a biannual symposium that covers updates and research in health sciences field including nursing, pharmacy, nutrition, public health and physical education. This symposium catalyzes knowledge and experience among scientist, educator, clinician, student, and policy maker. It also bridges the gap between theory and practice.

This ISHS symposium was held virtually in response to the pandemic we are living in now, therefore the theme for our symposium is “the future of nursing care after the covid-19 pandemic”. In this symposium, we have 8 speaker from Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia, Prof. Dr. Budi Anna Keliat, S.Kp., M.AppSc from University of Indonesia, Dr. Holly Blake, CPsychol SFHEA from University of Nottingham, UK, Assistant Professor Chen, Yen-Chin, Ph.D from Department of Nursing, National Cheng Khung University, Taiwan, Maria Milazzo, RN, MS, Ph.D. from Stony Brook University, USA, Dr. Waraporn Kongsuwan, RN from Faculty of Nursing, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand, Dr. Jerry V Manlapaz from Emilio Aguinaldo College of Nursing, Philippines and Dr. Ridlwan Kamaluddin, S.Kep., Ns,M.Kep from Faculty of Health Sciences, Universitas Jenderal Soedirman, Indonesia. All speakers discussed the latest issues related to Covid-19 from various sides.

We also proud that more than 230 papers were presented in our virtual symposium. Our participants come from few countries including Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand. For publication of this event, we will be published over two special issues; 3 and 4 since we received many of articles.

We believe that our two days virtual symposium event using the Whova apps are fantastic for not only presenting the research but also making a connection between the participants. Hopefully the next ISHS can be held offline when the Covid-19 pandemic has ended.

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